Demand for overbridge at Palpara railway station

17. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a persistent demand for an over-bridge at Palpara railway station in Sealdah-Krishnagar section of the Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering the said demand; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The work of providing a foot-over-bridge at Palpara Railway Station will be processed for inclusion in the Railway's future works programme subject to availability of funds and comparative needs of other stations.

Availability of locos to the railways

18. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of locos which are needed by Indian Railways daily;

(b) what is the number of locos which are available daily;

(c) what is the number of locos which are out-dated;

(d) whether there is any gap between the demand and the availability of locos;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what steps are proposed to be taken to remove the gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Presently the Indian Railways use 3957 broad gauge and 659 metre gauge diesel and electric locomotives for day-to-day movement of freight and passenger services. And, this number of engines are available.

(c) 19 broad gauge d.c. overaged electric locomotives have been relegated to inferior services.

(d) and (e) Normally there is no gap between the demand and availability of locomotives. However, during the busy season when actual demand exceeds the planned target, temporary marginal shortages occur in diesel and electric locomotives.

(f) The production of diesel and electric locomotives has been/is being stepped up. Some electric locomotives are also being procured from Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited.

Growing incidence of Encephalitis

19. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of Encephalitis is on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, what is the State-wise break-up of such patients, along with the number of deaths, per year, during the last five years; and

(c) what action has been taken to control and subsequently to eradicate this disease?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) A decline of 58. 25 per cent was recorded in Japanese Encephalitis incidence in the country in 1987 as compared to 1986.

(b) The incidence and deaths due to Japanese Encephalitis reported during the last five years is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(c) The following preventive measures are being undertaken to control Japanese Encephalitis:—

(i) weekly fogging/ultra low volume spray with Malathion for at least 4 weeks.

(ii) intensification of antilarval operation in affected areas.

(iii) weekly pyrethrum space spray for at least 4 weeks in areas, where residual spray is not feasible.

(iv) Indoor residual spraying with Benzene Hexachloride in an area of 2-3 Kms. around a case of Japanese Encephalitis.

(v) Extension of health education through publicity with the help of different media and ensuring community participation in control and prevention.

(vi) Japanese Encephalitis vaccine, has also been supplied to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Assam for use in some of the endemic blocks on Pilot Project basis.

Statement

State-wise incidence for the last five years is given below:

States	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987	
	Attacks	Deaths	Attacks	Deaths	Attacks	Deaths	Attacks	Deaths	Attacks	Deaths
Assam	29	5	37	19	45	12	882	311	239	123
Andhra Pradesh	325	163	606	236	187	116	2048	640	58	27
Bihar	116	57	206	90	440	112	233	87	600	176
Goa	15	1	..	..	3	1	1	..	27	6
Karnataka	410	112	81	30	138	57	635*	185*	132*	43*
Manipur	35	16	15	2	5	2	30	9	36	..
Nagaland	..	..	..	..	29	21	..	..	1**	..
Pondicherry	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..
Tamil Nadu	623	155	524	167	71	32	851	432	581	296
Tripura	14	14	31	31	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uttar Pradesh	149	58	2	..	1187	409	1773	616	172	76
West Bengal	..	..	1868	830	385	154	1045	345	1285	487
TOTAL :	1716	581	3370	1405	2490	916	7500	2627	3131	1 234

* includes 116 cases and 31 deaths for 1986 and 12 cases and 2 deaths for 1987 of Andhra Pradesh admitted in Karnataka hospital.

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